

1. Is the annual bus mileage used for scoring applications for school year 2018-2019?

Yes. The annual bus mileage is for the last full pre-pandemic school year (i.e., 2018-2019), since typical school bus mileage decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see the “Evaluation Criteria and Scoring” section on page 3-4 of the Request for Applications (RFA) available [here](#).

2. Do school districts need to purchase buses off of the statewide school bus contracts, or can they work directly with original equipment manufacturers?

The statewide contract (i.e., [E194-84826](#)) is an “optional” contract for the purchase of electric school buses and charging infrastructure.

3. Is the age of a qualified diesel school bus to scrap the model year or engine year?

Diesel school buses eligible for replacement must have a 2009 or older [engine](#) model year. Please see the “Eligible Projects” section on page 2 of the RFA available [here](#).

4. If the new diesel engine bus costs \$120,000 with options and the new electric is \$320,000 with options, would the grant would be for \$200,000?

Up to \$300,000 in funding is available per electric school bus. In this example, the \$200,000 is the incremental cost between the new diesel bus and new electric bus, leaving up to \$100,000 that can be used for the extended battery warranty, and the charger and customer-side charger installation costs. Please see the “Available Funding” section on page 2 of the RFA available [here](#).

5. Must award recipients purchase at least 2 buses?

Yes. Please see the “Eligible Projects” section on page 2 of the RFA available [here](#).

6. In the RFA, it states that State Trust funds cannot be used for propane fueling infrastructure. Can State Trust funds be used for electric fueling infrastructure?

Yes, the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust for State Beneficiaries (State Trust) allows for funds to be used for electric charging infrastructure for electric school buses and other medium/heavy-duty vehicles.

7. In the RFA under the Age evaluation criteria: The example states that “2022 – 2000 = 20.” Is this an error? Is 20 the maximum score for the age criteria?

This an error that has been corrected. The age criteria does not have a maximum score. The updated RFA has been posted and is available [here](#).

8. What information or materials are required for the Nov. 4 workshop?

Attendees do not need to bring any information or materials to the workshop.

9. To be eligible to apply for additional funding to replace diesel school buses, does a public school district previously awarded funding in August, need to have ordered and received the bus(es) or only have ordered the bus(es) to be eligible to apply for additional funding?

For schools previously awarded funds, electric school buses must be ordered prior to applying for additional funding.

10. Can a school district apply for funds if the bus will be owned and maintained by a third-party provider but used for that school district?

Please see applicable information on owning and operating new buses provided under the “Eligible Projects” section on page 2 of the RFA available [here](#).

11. To clarify, the only way to be awarded grant funds is to replace an existing diesel bus, correct?

Yes, that is correct. The Clean School Bus Program is a diesel vehicle replacement program. Please see the “Eligible Projects” section on page 2 of the RFA available [here](#).

12. Is there an age limit on the diesel bus replacement?

Yes. Diesel school buses with engine model year newer than 2009 are not eligible. Please see the “Eligible Projects” section on page 2 of the RFA available [here](#).